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1. SUMMARY: MINISTER JOSEPH HIGH LIGHTED THE NEW UNITED STATES POLICY OF GOOD PARTNERSHIP IN AN INTERVIEW DISCUSSING THE MFM AND OAS MEETINGS. HE STATED THAT THE US HAD MADE COMMITMENTS FOR REGULATION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND FOR A NEW TRADE POLICY. HE REITERATED THE GOTT POLICY OF UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP FOR REGIONAL STATES IN A NEW INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WEST INDIAN AFFAIRS CUTHBERT JOSEPH REPORTED POSITIVELY ON THE RECENT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON AND THE ATLANTA OAS MEETING IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW MAY 3. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE US COMMITMENT TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CONCEPT OF A NEW ERA OF "GOOD PARTNERSHIP" BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES AND
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MENTIONED THE ISSUES OF CONTROL OF MULTINATIONAL COPORATIONS,

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THE PROPOSED US TRADE REFORM BILL, AND OAS REORGANIZATION
WHILE DISCUSSING THE NEW PARTNERSHIP.

3. MINISTER JOSEPH STATED THAT THE US HAS MADE A "DEFINITE
COMMITMENT"TO SUPPORT THE DRAWING UP OF A CODE OF CONDUCT
TO REGULATE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. A WORKING GROUP
COMPOSED OF "GOVERNMENTS" WOULD FULLY INVESTIGATE ALL
PERTINENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY UN PAPERS PREPARED ON MNC'S
IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE CODE.

4. SECRETARY KISSENGER, ACCORDING TO JOSEPH, MADE BOTH NEGA-
TIVE AND POSITIVE COMMITMENTS REGARDING TRADE. THE SECRETARY,
"PROMISED" NOT TO IMPOSE ANY NEW RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD
LIMIT EXPORTS FROM LATIN AMERICAN OR THE CARIBBEAN FROM ENTER-
ING THE AMERICAN MARKET. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, MINISTER
JOSEPH SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD PROMISED THAT STEPS WOULD
BE TAKEN SO THAT THE AMERICAN MARKET WOULD ABSORB MUCH MORE
TRADE FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. HE NOTED THAT
THE US, IN THE PROPOSED US TRADE REFORM BILL, HOPES TO EXTEND
TO THE AREA A GENERALIZED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES SO THAT THE
EXPORTS OF THE REGION CAN ENTER THE US MARKET ON A PREFERENTIAL
BASIS OVER OTHER REGIONS.

5. THE INTERVIEW THEN SHIFTED TO T&T IDEAS FOR REORGANIZATION
OF THE SYSTEM. FIRST, MINISTER JOSEPH NOTED THAT GOTT BELIEVES
THAT ALL STATES OF THE REGION, INCLUDING BELIZE AND GUYANA AND
ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT STATE IN THE CARIBBEAN, MUST HAVE THE
RIGHT TO JOIN ALL ORGANS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.
SECONDLY, ALTHOUGH T&T IS PROUD OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRACY, A PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES MUST BE ACCEPTED
AS A "CORNER-STONE" OF THE NEW SYSTEM. THIRDLY, MINISTER
JOSEPH EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE THAT THE
NEW INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM NOT LOOK INWARD TOWARD LATIN
AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN BUT MUST LOOK OUTWARD AND
MAINTAIN CLOSER LINKS WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD AND WITH OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UN, THE EEC, AND THE
OAU, AND WORK WITHIN THE UN TO ESTABLISH A NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER.

6. MINISTER JOSEPH ENDED HIS INTERVIEW WITH A STATEMENT THAT
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THE GOTT "INSISTS" THAT CUBA MUST BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THAT CUBA MUST BE INVITED TO THE
NEXT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BUENOS AIRES.

7. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT MINISTER JOSEPH WORDED HIS
INTERVIEW TO FAITHFULLY REFLECT GOTT POLICY AND THE OPINION
OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ON THE QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.
TYPICALLY, HE TALKED EXCLUSIVELY OF US CONTRIBUTIONS

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TO A NEW PARTNERSHIP WHILE IGNORING POSSIBLE T&T RESPON-
SIBILITIES, AND PHRASED US "COMMITMENTS" IN STRONGEST
POSSIBLE TERMS.
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